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PORT OF BALTIMORE SETS MORE CARGO RECORDS

Key State Economic Engine “Revs” as General Cargo and Auto Exports Race to New Records

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- Governor O’Malley announced today that the Port of Baltimore’s public marine terminals handled a record 9.55 million tons of general cargo during Fiscal Year 2013 (July 2012- June 2013) besting the previous record of 9.33 million tons set in Fiscal Year 2012.

Baltimore’s public piers also set consecutive records for exported cars in one month. In May 2013, 22,897 cars were exported from the Port of Baltimore surpassing the previous record of 22,832 set in November 2012. In June 2013, the new record was eclipsed when 22,997 cars left the Port for worldwide destinations.

“Progress is a choice, and we have made the better choices to invest in the Port of Baltimore,” said Governor O’Malley. “This record-breaking progress demonstrates that the Port continues to be one of Maryland’s greatest economic engines, supporting tens-of-thousands of jobs for Maryland families.”

Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, supports more than 40,000 jobs, while approximately 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

In June 2013 (the most recent numbers available), general cargo at the Port of Baltimore’s public marine terminals was up 4.6 percent from June 2012. General cargo includes autos, farm and construction machinery, containers and forest products (rolled paper and wood pulp).

In 2012, the Port of Baltimore saw 652,000 cars cross its public and private piers, the most of any U.S. port. Earlier this year, the Port began handling Fiat, the newest partner in its large auto profile.

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 U.S. ports for handling autos and light trucks, farm and construction machinery, imported forest products, imported sugar, imported aluminum and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranks second in the U.S. for exported coal, and imported iron ore. Overall Baltimore is ranked ninth for the total dollar value of international cargo and 11th for international cargo tonnage.